THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) A private bus (bluelinej bearing Registration No. DL-1PB-5116, plying on Route No. 460 under the permit issued by the State Transport Authority, was involved in an accident on 22nd November, 2004 in which one person was injured. A case *vide* FIR No. 302 was registered on 23rd November, 2004 at Parliament Street Police Station. The bus was seized and the driver was arrested. Delhi Police has seized the driving licence of the driver and initiated action for cancellation of the bus-permit. No evidence was found against the conductor of the bus.

(c) No private bus has been in operation under Delhi Transport Corporation during the year 2004.

(d) Does not arise.

Compensation to displaced families of PoK

2118. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of displaced families from Pakistan occupied Kashmir of J&K living in various States of the country since 1947;

(b) whether it is a fact that compensation was paid to displaced families; if so, what amount has been paid;

(c) what criteria had been laid down to pay the compensation to displaced families; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal to clear all cases pending with them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) No such data is being maintained.

(b) and (c) No claims for compensation in lieu of properties left behind by displaced persons were invited by the Government of India as Pakistan Occupied Kashmir has always been treated as an integral part of India.

However, relief and rehabilitation assistance has been given to these displaced persons from time to time.

Earlier, urban settlers amongst these displaced persons were paid ex-*gratia* of Rs. 3500/- per family and allotted residential quarters and plots.

Rural settlers were paid *ex-gratia* of Rs. 1000/- per family and allotted irrigated/unirrigated land.

In 2000, to mitigate the hardship of the remaining eligible displaced persons, Government of India issued an administrative sanction for payment of *ex-gratia* of Rs. 25,000/- per family, allotment of plots, cash compensation for land defficiency at the rate of Rs. 5000/- per kanal subject to a maximum limit of Rs. 25,000/-per family and provision of civic amenities in regularized colonies.

(d) The administrative sanction of 2000 covers all pending cases of verified and eligible displaced persons from Pak Occupied Kashmir.

Floods in Assam

2119. SHRIKARNENDU BHATTARCHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the recent floods in Assam which caused heavy damages to crops and human lives etc.;

(b) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister visited Assam during floods besides other Central Ministers and suggested some preventive steps to combat the floods in future;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some amount was promised by Prime Minister to meet the situation;

(d) if so, whether any follow up action undertaken to that effect; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. The State of Assam experienced very severe floods during August and September, 2004 and again flash floods during October, causing extensive damage to crops, houses and public properties besides loss of human lives and loss of live stock.

(b) to (d) The High Level Committee (HLC) approved an amount of Rs. 345.37 crore for management of floods of August-September, 2004 subject to the adjustment of the funds available for this calamity under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of the States. Rs. 55.00 crore were released earlier on *ad-hoc* basis from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) as announced by the Prime Minister. In addition HLC approved, an assistance of 1.00 lakh MT rice (costing Rs. 120.00 crore) under special com-